



# BAY BRIDGE NEWS

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## CABLE INSTALLATION HITS 100 STRAND MARK



### WORK SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-APRIL

One hundred strands of the Self-Anchored Suspension Span's single main cable have been hauled into place by mid-March. With only 37 more strands, each comprised of 127 steel wires, the work to install the individual strands is expected to be completed by mid-April.

Once the cable installation is completed, workers will begin the compaction process. As all of this work is visible from the existing bridge, motorists are urged to drive safely and keep their eyes on the road.

To safely view the progress please visit the new interpretive display located on Treasure Island and the live construction cameras online.

Visit [BayBridgeInfo.org](http://BayBridgeInfo.org) for a map to the display and links to the cameras.



## YBITS WESTBOUND DECKS COMPLETE

Workers completed principal construction of the Yerba Buena Island Transition Structure (YBITS) westbound roadway in March 2012. YBITS will connect the Self-Anchored Suspension Span to Yerba Buena Island, and will transition the new East Span's side-by-side road decks to the upper and lower decks of the YBI tunnel and West Span. The eastbound deck is scheduled for completion later this year.

To find out more, visit  
[BayBridgeInfo.org/projects/ybi-transition](http://BayBridgeInfo.org/projects/ybi-transition).



## THE MANY FIRSTS OF THE BAY BRIDGE

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge has a long record of engineering marvels and firsts. At the time it was built, the Bay Bridge was the longest bridge in the world at 8 miles long. The center anchorage of the West Span was larger than any building in San Francisco at the time, and had more concrete than the Empire State Building! The tunnel through Yerba Buena Island was the largest bore tunnel in the world and remains so to this day. The new East Span continues the tradition of raising bridge building to new heights. The Self-Anchored Suspension is the largest bridge of its kind anywhere in world (2,047 feet).

To read more about the innovative history of the original bridge and the history we are making visit  
[BayBridgeInfo.org](http://BayBridgeInfo.org).

